

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kept Oversee Demolition of Ramshackle House in Gordon Heights

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**Farmingville, NY** - On June 9, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilwoman Connie Kept (right) were on hand for the demolition of a house at 29 Tilney Avenue in Gordon Heights. The house had been vacant for more than 10 years as the result of a fire and was the source of numerous community complaints as well as Town-issued violations for debris on the property. It was demolished by the Town's Department of Waste Management in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, "This house has been an eyesore and a threat to the quality of life in the neighborhood for too long. We have made it clear by our actions that the Town will use all of its legal authority to demolish the unsafe structures that plague so many communities. If there is one in your neighborhood, please call 451-TOWN to report it."

Councilwoman Kept said, "The demolition at 29 Tinsley Avenue, a house once ravaged by fire, helped to improve a great neighborhood just down the block from Granny Road Park. It was a great day for Gordon Heights."

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